

**COMPLETE LIST OF CLAIMS**

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Claims 1-3 (cancelled).

Claim 4 (previously presented) A method for the prevention of the transfer of plasmid materials containing genes capable of resisting the antibiotic vancomycin from a vancomycin resistant strain of bacteria to another, different strain of bacteria comprising administering to a human or other warm blooded animal harboring bacteria containing said plasmid materials an effective amount of the compound 4,4-methylenebis (tetrahydro-1,2,4-thiadiazine-1,1-dioxide).

Claim 5 (previously presented) The method of claim 4 wherein another, different strain of bacteria is staphylococcus aureus.

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Claim 6 (previously presented) The method of claim 4 wherein said 4,4-methylenebis (tetrahydro-1,2,4-thiadiazine-1, 1-dioxide) is combined with at least one additional antibiotic.

Claim 7 (new) The method of claim 6 wherein said additional antibiotic is selected from the group consisting of gentamicin, methicillin, and vancomycin.

Claim 8 (new) The method of claim 5 wherein said staphylococcus aureus bacteria are vancomycin-intermediate susceptible.

Claim 9 (new) The method of claim 4, wherein said compound is administered orally.

Claim 10 (new) The method of Claim 4, wherein said compound is combined with a pharmaceutical carrier.

Claim 11 (new) The method of Claim 4, wherein said compound is in tablet form.

Claim 12 (new) The method of Claim 11, wherein said tablet contains about 500 mg. of said 4,4'-methylenebis (tetrahydro-1,2,4-thiadiazine-1,1-dioxide).

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